

## **SECTION I: EEP RESTORATION, ENHANCEMENT, CREATION, and PRESERVATION PROJECTS**

Section I is a report on the status of the restoration, enhancement, creation, and preservation projects developed by the Ecosystem Enhancement Program. High quality preservation projects are also summarized independently of EEP's other restoration, enhancement, and preservation projects.

EEP projects originate from three main areas:

1. Projects that were initiated or completed by NCDOT.  
Projects initiated (but not completed and/or debited) by NCDOT's Project Development and Environmental Analysis Branch prior to the inception of the EEP are in various stages of implementation. EEP is currently managing these projects. These mitigation credits will be utilized according to the guidelines of the Tri-Party MOA. Projects that were initiated by the NCDOT as full-delivery projects are currently under contract with the NCDOT but are available for debiting for the purposes of the EEP, as determined by credit release schedules.
2. Projects that were initiated or completed by the NC Wetlands Restoration Program.  
Projects that were initiated and developed by the staff of the NCDENR Wetlands Restoration Program have been acquired as defined by the 1998 MOU between the USACE and NCDENR, or the Tri-Party MOA between the USACE, NCDENR, and NCDOT.
3. Projects that have been initiated or completed by the Ecosystem Enhancement Program.

### **EEP GROSS ASSETS**

Currently, the Ecosystem Enhancement Program has assets exceeding 949,000 feet of stream and 15,100 acres of wetlands. In addition to these, EEP has acquired or obtained an option to acquire high-quality preservation assets exceeding an additional 1,049,000 linear feet of stream and 8,000 acres of wetlands.

**Appendix A: EEP Gross Asset List of Tier 1 Restoration, Enhancement, and Preservation Sites Alphabetically** contains a complete listing of the current EEP individual restoration, enhancement, creation, and preservation projects as of July 22, 2005 by river basin and eight-digit Cataloging Unit (CU). (High Quality Preservations sites are not listed in this table.) For former NCDOT projects that had previously been debited prior to the formation of EEP, only the undebited or net remaining restoration, enhancement, or preservation feet/acres were transferred. Thus Appendix A only shows the transferred (undebited) restoration,